

# Bellaire Police

## 2013 Year in Review



*"As a premier law enforcement organization, the Bellaire Police Department's vision is for the City of Bellaire to be the safest community in the area by blending excellence in policing with community partnerships."*

Service  
Honor  
Courage

## A Message from the Chief

On behalf of the men and women of the Bellaire Police Department, I take great pride in presenting our 2013 Annual Report. Our report is intended to give you an overview of the department, its operations, and our staff. We hope that it provides you with useful information and gives you a better understanding of your police department.

It is my pleasure to tell you that Part 1 Crime as reported to the FBI Uniformed Crime Report for the City of Bellaire was down 6% for 2013 compared to 2012. This is the continuation of a 10 year trend. These reductions are due as much to citizens working to secure their homes and property as it is to the efforts of our police officers. There is not a protective bubble over Bellaire. Our police officers and citizens struggle with the same crime issues encountered throughout the Greater Houston area. We cannot become complacent. We must continue to work together to make Bellaire the wonderful community that it is.

The partnership between the police department and the community grew stronger in 2013. The police department held an open house for citizens during Bellaire's annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and over 750 people attended. National Night Out was the largest and most successful ever with over 1,000 citizens participating. Our Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training is extremely popular and we will be launching a similar safety program for school age children this spring.

Some citizens have asked about the hiring of new police officers. In 2013 we lost officers who left to pursue opportunities in the public and private sector. Our hiring process may seem lengthy, but we have increased our entry level qualifications. As Chief, I will not hire just to fill openings. We will work short-handed before I knowingly hire an officer that doesn't meet our standards.

I have seen many changes in my 38 years of service to the City of Bellaire and there are more on the horizon. We will begin planning and designing a new police station which should serve the community for at least the next 50 years. In 2014 the police department will be implementing a 5 year strategic plan that we are calling the **100+ Plan – The Next Century of Service**. The plan covers the years 2014 through 2018. In the year 2018 the Bellaire Police Department will celebrate 100 years of service to the citizens of Bellaire.

We have done a lot and know there is more to do. Please take a few minutes and review this report. Our vision is to make the City of Bellaire the safest city in the area.

Byron A. Holloway  
Chief of Police





## Overall Crime Down 6 %

During the year 2013 overall minor reduction in crime. The crimes listed below show the change from 2012 to 2013.

	2013	2012
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	0	3
<b>Robbery</b>	9	15
<b>Assault</b>	37	49
<b>Burglary Residential</b>	31	41
<b>Burglary Business</b>	16	15
<b>Theft</b>	270	261
<b>Auto Theft</b>	12	15
<b>Crime Index</b>	375	399

### Crime Trends

- NO HOMICIDES
- 929 ARRESTS
- 435 COUNTY LEVEL ARRESTS
- 590 ACCIDENTS
- 4:52 AVG RESPONSE TIME
- STOLEN VEHICLES DOWN 20%
- 29,791 CALLS LAST YEAR
- 4956 CITATIONS ISSUED

### Response Times:

In Progress Burglary 1:45

In Progress Robbery 1:24

Major Accident 3:31

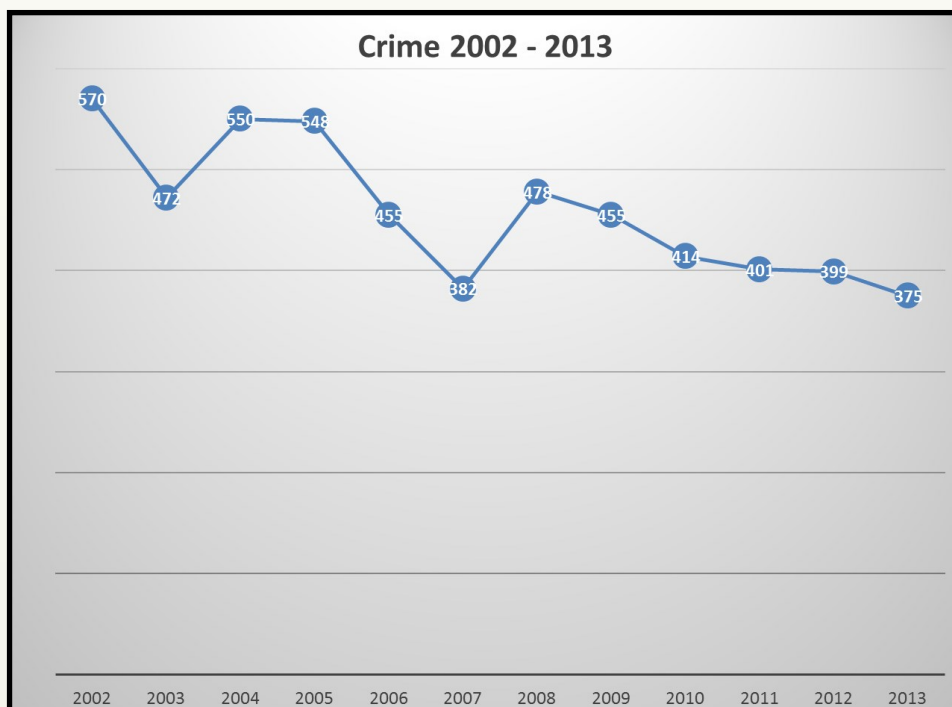
### IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft and online fraud are only going to increase as technology grows. It is a good idea to check your credit report at least annually to ensure your safety.

For more information

<http://www.ftc.gov/>

## Reported Crime Continues to Decrease





## HOW ARE WE DOING?

We are always looking for new ways to improve access to our community. Please feel free to contact Chief Holloway by phone or email if you have any ideas.

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**Special  
Olympics  
Texas**



### Bellaire Honor Guard

The primary purpose of the Bellaire Honor Guard is to ceremonially present flags of the United States and State of Texas at events as well as ensure proper honors are provided to fallen officers. The Bellaire Police Honor Guard has presented “the colors” at various ceremonial civic events. Honor Guard members have also volunteered their time at several funeral services for police officers and veterans. During 2013, the Bellaire Police Department Honor Guard was requested to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration of assassination of President John Kennedy and Dallas Police Officer J.D Tippit, killed while questioning President Kennedy’s assassin.

### Law Enforcement Torch Run

Special Olympics provides opportunities for children and young adults with mental as well as physical challenges to compete in various sports. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a running event in which law enforcement officers and athletes run the “Flame of Hope” to the Opening Ceremonies of the Texas Special Olympic Summer games. The run raises funds to help finance the games and assists Special Olympians to attend. Bellaire Police Officers are lacing up their running shoes for the Law Enforcement Torch Run which leads to the Special Olympics 2014 Summer Games set for May 22-25 in Arlington Texas. The final leg of the Torch Run will begin in Bellaire, Texas on Wednesday, May 21st starting at the Great Lawn behind Bellaire City Hall. Various Bellaire Police Officers volunteer their time year round to make the Summer Games a success.

## Bond Election

In November 2013 voters approved a bond election allowing for the construction of a new police facility. Plans are underway now to design and build this facility in the next 24 months.



### 2012 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN UPDATE

REVISED 02/25/2013

A copy of the 2012 Facility Master Plan Update is available on the City Web Page:

[www.ci.bellaire.tx.us](http://www.ci.bellaire.tx.us)

## Bellaire Police at Work

In an effort to meet our vision of Bellaire being the safest community in the area through excellence in policing, the Bellaire Police Department is participating in the Texas Police Chiefs Recognitions Program.

We expect to complete this process in the next 24 months.

## 100+ Plan

### The Next Century of Service

In the spring of 2014 the Bellaire Police Department will implement its **100+ Plan – The Next Century of Service**. This is a five year strategic plan that will cover the years 2014 to 2018. The Bellaire Police Department will celebrate its 100 year anniversary during 2018 and the plan will carry the department into a second century of service. The plan has three focus areas; the community, the department, and officers/employees. We will work on goals and objectives within each of these focus areas to address crime and the delivery of police services to the citizens of Bellaire.

In the past, the department developed annual goals that were aligned with goals established by the Mayor and City Council. Strategic planning will allow the department to address long term issues while continuing to implement goals set by city leaders. The plan is designed to provide flexibility to manage the unanticipated while providing direction for long range improvements to our operations.

### Recognition Program

*The Law Enforcement Recognition Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 164 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual's rights. While similar in nature to the national accreditation program, the Best Practices Recognition Program is easier to administer, lower in cost and is designed specifically for Texas Law Enforcement. The Texas Legislature demands a great deal of professional law enforcement in Texas and the Best Practices were specifically designed to aid Texas agencies in meeting those demands and providing the best quality of service to the people of our State. Since its inception in 2006, over 50 Texas Law Enforcement Agencies have been Recognized and many more are currently in the process to become Recognized Agencies. While members of the Texas Police Chiefs Association recognize and support the national accreditation program, The Texas Best Practices Recognition Program has clearly become the new Gold Standard for Texas Law Enforcement!*



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POLICE CHIEFS  
ASSOCIATION

## Employment

Go Online to [www.bellairepolice.com](http://www.bellairepolice.com) and click on:



You can fill out an application or sign up to receive email notification as positions become available.

### In a Nutshell

- ⇒ 178 Candidates applied during 2013
- ⇒ 114 Qualified by meeting the basic requirements
- ⇒ 114 Were invited to take the entry level written test
- ⇒ 46 Reported for testing
- ⇒ 31 Passed the written test
- ⇒ 30 Passed the physical assessment
- ⇒ 30 Entered the background process, 4 of whom later dropped out
- ⇒ 5 Hired (1 more anticipated hire from this process in early spring 2014)

## Hiring Process

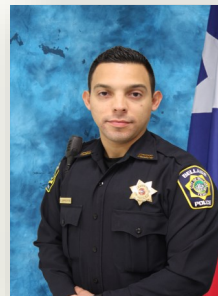
Retirements, as well as opportunities in private industry and with other law enforcement organizations, are the most common reasons Bellaire Police Officers leave employment. There has been no increase in the authorized strength of officers within the last 20 years. "Fit for duty" assessments implemented in the hiring process within the last two years have narrowed the candidate pool. Even with increased standards, we continue to successfully recruit and hire qualified persons to become Bellaire Police Officers. Major components of the selection process include; the initial screening, written test, physical testing, extensive background investigation, an interview board, psychological and physical assessment.



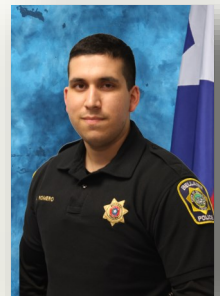
## New Bellaire Police Officers for 2013



Josh Manriquez



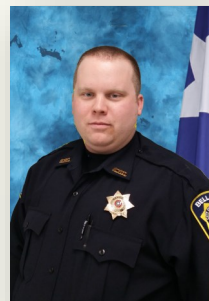
Omar Barrientos



Anthony Romero



Tracy Harrison



Aaron Lysack



Robert Vorhees



## Annual Charity Football



Bellaire Police and Fire Department team up each year for a charity football game against West University. We would like to thank all who gave toys and donations to this event.

In 2013 over 1500 toys were collected for the benefit of Pre-K Pals Toy Drive.

Above photo is Dr. Phil Nauert Mayor of the City of Bellaire with the members of the Bellaire Police and Fire Department football team.

For more information contact:  
[dhollie@bellairepolice.com](mailto:dhollie@bellairepolice.com)



## Retirements

### Jorge Florido

Retired after nearly 23 years with the Bellaire Police Department. Officer Florido was a face that many residents knew from his high visibility as a motorcycle officer. Officer Florido also worked as a patrol officer as well as a detective. He was also assigned for a two year period to the Harris County Organized Crime Division. Jorge will be missed by his friends and co-workers, but should be seen from time to time as he is now working as a Reserve Deputy with Harris County Precinct 1.



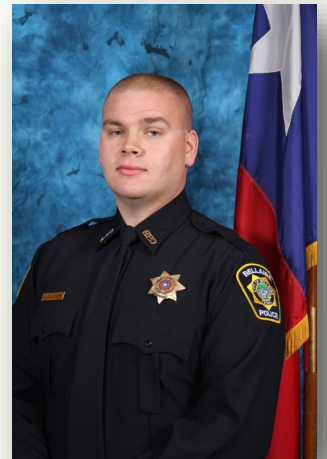
### Susie Davis

In October of 2013, Communication Officer Susie Davis retired after 20 years of service to the City of Bellaire. Susie worked all shifts during her time as a Communications Officer and served several times as an acting supervisor. Susie proved her dedication to the Department when she postponed her retirement for 8 months to prevent the Communication Division from working short staffed and only left when staffing levels returned to normal. She continues to serve the City of Bellaire as in 2014 she returned in a part time capacity, working when needed.

## Promotions

### Doug Clawson

Detective Doug Clawson was promoted to the rank of Police Corporal during 2013. Clawson began his public service career with the City of Bellaire as a fire fighter. In 2009 he applied and was accepted as a patrol officer with the Bellaire Police Department. He quickly distinguished himself and was selected by his co-workers as Officer of the Year in 2010. Clawson was working as a detective when he accepted his promotion to corporal.



### Gil Macedo

Gil Macedo was promoted from patrol officer to detective in 2013 after a competitive selection process. Gil brings language skills to the Criminal Investigations Division as he is fluent in English and Spanish. While in the patrol division he honed his investigative skills by serving as an Advanced Accident Investigator. Gil is an Army Veteran.

## Officer of the Year

Officer of the Year and Civilian Employee of the Year are voted on by the employees co-worker. These employees have shown the highest dedication and commitment to service as voted on by their peers.

## Open House



This year's open house was a great success with over 750 residents touring the police department and hands on display of police equipment.

## Officer of the Year

### Jorge Florido

With rotations in patrol, motorcycles, detectives, Harris County Organized Crime Officer Florido exemplified the spirit of a Bellaire Police Officer. Utilizing his skills to train new officers in patrol and firearms, his professionalism and dedication to duty were recognized by his peers in nominating and selecting him as the 2013 Officer of the Year.



As an Officer and a Detective, Florido worked tirelessly on numerous fraud and identity theft cases resulting in charges against hundreds of suspects in his career. As a motorcycle officer, Florido issued more than 10,000 citations and

## Civilian Employee of the Year

### Richard Perez

Richard Perez has worked as the Bellaire Police Department's Animal Control Officer since 2005. Richard is responsible for responding to all animal related calls and enforcing laws that regulate the keeping of animals. Richard was selected in 2013 as Civilian Employee of the Year by his co-workers for his self-initiated activity. Perez is known to constantly volunteer for tasks that are not normally associated with his animal control duties. He often assists with various maintenance tasks and assignments in an effort to keep patrol officers in service.

As animal control officer, Richard works to reunite lost pets with their owners or to find persons to adopt animals.





## Case Highlights

Each year officers of the Bellaire Police Department work hundreds of cases. Highlighted here are some of the more notable.



### Suspect Poses as Deliveryman

In September of 2013 at about 12:30 PM, a female caregiver was at a house watching an infant. An unknown male suspect knocked on the door. When the female caregiver answered the door, the suspect told her that he had a package to deliver. It appeared legitimate as the suspect was holding a small box and some paperwork, so the female opened the door for him.

At that time he pushed his way into the house and three more suspects rushed in behind him. One suspect locked the victim in a room as the others ransacked the house, stealing property. The above is a drawing of the suspect that posed as a deliveryman. Contact police at 713-668-047 if you have information on this case.

Do not open the door for persons if you feel uncomfortable doing so. Bellaire residents may call the Bellaire Police Department if there is a stranger at their door.

## Art Recovery

Bellaire officers conducted a traffic stop at Fournace and IH-610 for a road rage incident. The investigation led officers to recover a 100 year old, \$32,000 piece of art stolen 13 years ago in a burglary.

Suspects arguing over ownership of the art ran the red light at Fournace. The unsigned art was difficult to work with having no way to find the original owner or even if it was stolen. After an extensive online investigation, Officer Russell Brown was able to find that it was stolen in a burglary of a home in River Oaks. The suspect in possession of the art (not the burglary suspect) was convinced to surrender the art to the police. Officers worked with HPD and the insurance company. The art is awaiting to be returned to its owner.



Gaston de Latouche (French, 1854-1913) Sous L'Arbre

## Package Theft

Every year the number of holiday packages shipped and delivered increases, along with this come package thefts. On December 16, a sharp-eyed resident saw a suspicious person at a neighbor's house. Officers stopped the suspect vehicle. Suspects were found to have stolen delivered packages from front door steps of six residences. Two suspects were arrested for theft and the packages were returned. Citizens are asked to consider having packages delivered to them at their place of employment especially during the holiday season.

## Arson

On July 23, Bellaire Police Corporal Joe Jenkins observed a fire burning on the west side of the City of Bellaire Aquatic Center. The Bellaire Fire Department arrived at the scene and put the fire out. Bellaire Police Detective Doug Clawson was able to identify the suspect from video surveillance evidence which led to the arrest of a 14 year old juvenile. The juvenile was charged with Arson.



## RAD CLASSES

Next RAD class will be:  
February 12-13 and 19-20

More information online at  
[www.bellairepolice.com](http://www.bellairepolice.com)



National Night out will be:

October 7, 2014

Contact [tmathews@bellairepolice.com](mailto:tmathews@bellairepolice.com)  
to participate.



The Next Drug Take Back will be:

APRIL 26, 2014

7008 South Rice Ave. from 10am-2pm

## RAD and RAD KIDS



Bellaire Police Department has held over 10 successful Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes for women in the past several years. We look forward to continue offering the program, which teaches women about self-awareness, safety and self-defense. The Bellaire Police Department will also be launching a RADkids program during the spring of 2014.



RAD Instructors Porter and  
Mathews-Segura

## Drug Take Back Program

The Bellaire Police Department will continue participating in the National Drug Take Back program, which will be held on April 26th 2014. The Bellaire Police Department will accept expired, unused prescription and non-prescription drugs at that time. Persons wishing to turn items in at other times should contact Officer Mathews-Segura to schedule a time for drop off.

713-662-8103



952 Lbs collected in 2013

## Department History

The earliest records found are the minutes of the Monday July 15, 1918 Town Council meeting which show that on July 8, 1918 J.B. Huddleston was elected Town Marshall and was formally sworn in by Mayor C.P. Younts. The first unofficial law enforcement officer of the City of Bellaire was Leroy Coats who walked the route he guarded. This was the early years of 1900. In those days the marshals were appointed and their main job was to round up straying cattle and return to owner. Among other first marshals were W.C. Minson and a man named Callahan.

W.A. Erdman served as the first Fire Marshal and City Marshall and was followed by B.C. Ely in 1937. Ely served in this capacity until 1942. At the same time he was also Water Superintendent, Plumbing Inspector, Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Cattle Officer and Dog Catcher. Mrs. Ely was the first woman dispatcher as she took calls for Ely when he was out.

In 1945 Henry Rosnosky became marshal and he was followed by W.L. Fuller in 1946.

An ordinance was passed on July 28, 1947, abolishing the office of the City Marshal of the City of Bellaire and providing for and regulating a police department by the City of Bellaire. On August 4, 1947 J.H. Carrigan was appointed the Chief of Police.

Carrigan was followed by John Hlavaty on September 21, 1949.

In 1952 Jack O'Brian became chief and he served that post for the next eight years. During those eight years the force grew from six to twenty-four. It was during this time that the next chief, Joseph P. Court joined the force. O'Brian resigned in December of 1960 to go to Texarkana.

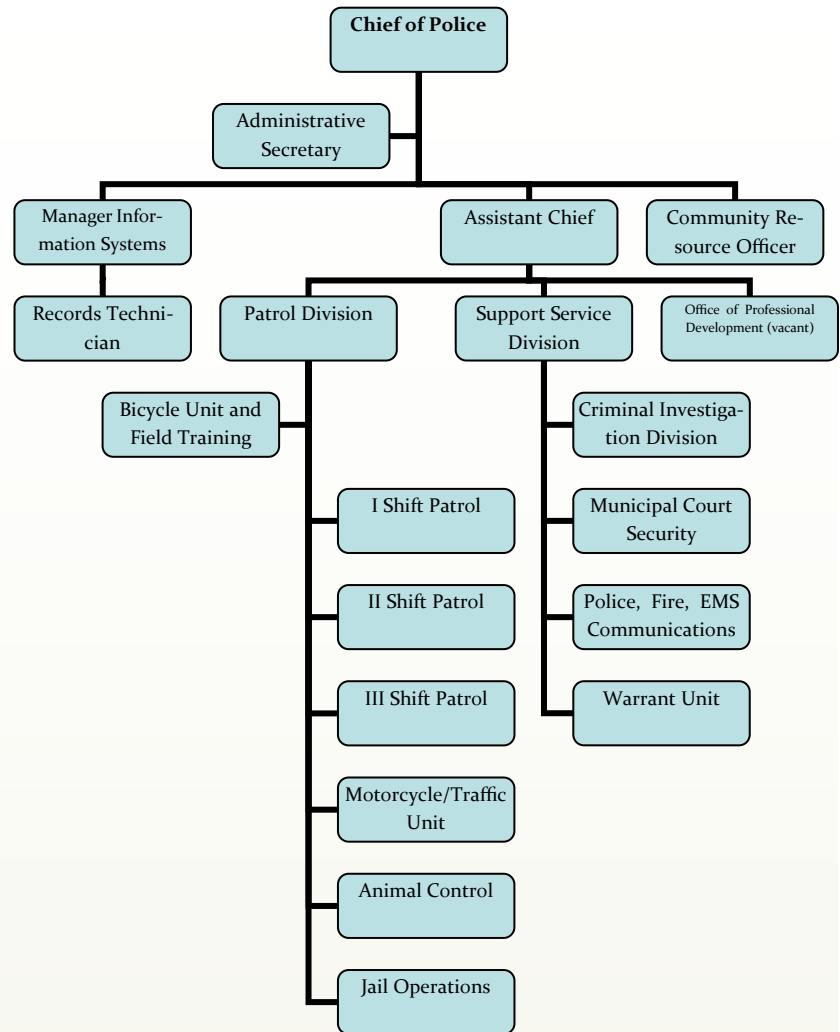
Court was appointed acting chief when O'Brian resigned and was appointed chief on July 1961. John H. Wheatley, then 21 years old joined the force.

Court resigned from the force about a year later to go into the carpet business William E. Hamilton was appointed chief June 4, 1962 and remained chief until July 30, 1973 when he resigned and Wheatley became chief. Wheatley retired in 1977 and Jerry H. Loftin became chief. Loftin retired in 1996 and Randall Mack became chief until he retired on April 24th, 2012. Byron Holloway became chief April 2012.

We are constantly working to locate facts related to the history of the Bellaire Police Department. Chief Holloway would like to talk to anyone with photos, stories, or other information related to the history of the Bellaire Police Department. Chief Holloway can be contacted at 713-662-8123 or

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## Organizational Chart



 **RAIDSONLINE**  
POWERED BY BAIR ANALYTICS

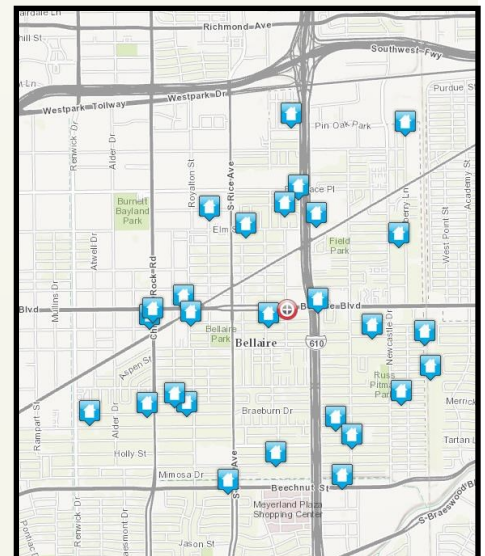
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mapping and analysis.

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crimes near you. Also  
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Iphone Apps.



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## 2014 Events

February 12-13, 19-20 RAD Training


February 27 Community Meeting

May 6-7, 13-15 RAD Kids

May 21 Torch Run

June 14 Bike Rodeo

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# Be seen. Be safe.



Be flashy.



Be shiny.



Be reflective.

We all need to take a more active role in safety as more pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles share the roadways of Bellaire. The Bellaire Police Department is asking that pedestrians and bicyclists take extra steps to be visible during hours of darkness. There are a number of reflective options available, from something as basic as wearing reflective tape to items such as highly visible clothing made for walkers, runners, and bicyclist.

Often persons who walk, run or cycle already take precautions by wearing special clothing and using reflectors or lights. The person most often hardest to see are those who are just going to walk their dog or briefly walk down to visit a neighbor and don't take any precautions. Before leaving the house, make it a habit to consider if you will be visible to oncoming traffic while out walking. Something as simple as not wearing all black clothing will improve your visibility. Also, use sidewalks whenever possible.

The Bellaire Police Department is developing a pedestrian safety plan and will be providing additional information over the course of the upcoming year. For more information contact Bellaire Police Department Community Resource Officer Tracie Segura-Mathews at 713-662-8103.

## Burglary of Motor Vehicles Continue

An ongoing challenge for the Bellaire Police Department is the crime of motor vehicles being burglarized. Citizens often think that these crimes occur only late at night and entry is always by breaking out a window. This is not true. This crime happens at all hours of the day and more are occurring in which the vehicle is unlocked. Just a few notes:

- Burglars seldom break into a vehicle unless they see something of value. It is not that common that they will break into a locked vehicle just to rummage around. When parking take all valuables out of your car or lock them in the trunk out of sight.
- Electronics such as smart phones, tablets, and laptops are the items most often sought after by car burglars. If a burglar sees some type of bag in your vehicle, they will assume that it has electronics in it. Cars have been broken into because there was a gym bag or diaper bag that had been left visible in the car.
- Burglars watch for people that "...are just going to run inside for a minute..." Thieves often target schools, day cares, cleaners, and gas stations where people leave their valuables on the front seat and car doors unlocked because they are only going to be gone for a few minutes. There are cases where at gasoline stations the victim was on one side of the vehicle gassing up, and the suspect opened a door on the other side of the vehicle to steal property.

**LOCK**  
YOUR CAR

**TAKE**  
YOUR KEYS

**HIDE**  
YOUR BELONGINGS

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